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Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 5149

File No. 348

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"AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this
4 section:

5 (1) "Sober living home" means an alcohol-free and drug-free
6 residence where (A) unrelated adults who are recovering from a
7 substance use disorder choose to live together in a supportive
8 environment during their recovery, and (B) no formal substance use
9 disorder treatment services are provided; and

10 (2) "Operator" means the lawful owner of a sober living home or a
11 person designated by such lawful owner to have primary
12 responsibility for the daily operation of such sober living home.

13 (b) An operator of a sober living home that is certified as a recovery
14 residence by an affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery

15 Residences, or a successor organization, or another organization
16 recognized by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
17 Services as an organization responsible for certifying sober living
18 homes in the state, may report the sober living home's certified status
19 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, provided
20 the operator maintains a supply of opioid antagonists, as defined in
21 section 17a-714a of the general statutes, on the premises and provides
22 training to all of its residents when such home is occupied by at least
23 one resident who has been diagnosed with opioid use disorder. An
24 operator of a sober living home that reports its certified status to the
25 department shall provide the department with the number of beds
26 available in the sober living home at the time of its report and weekly
27 thereafter. The department shall post on its Internet web site a list of
28 the sober living homes that have reported their certified status
29 pursuant to this section and the number of beds available at each such
30 sober living home. The department shall include on such list the
31 municipality in which each sober living home is located, but shall not
32 include on such list the street address of any sober living home. The
33 department shall update the list of sober living homes and the bed
34 availability at each sober living home on a weekly basis.

35 (c) No operator of a sober living home shall (1) advertise or
36 represent that a sober living home is a facility that is certified or
37 licensed to provide substance use disorder treatment services, or (2)
38 publish any claims of particular outcomes for individuals residing in
39 such homes. Any Internet web site or publication maintained by a
40 sober living home shall include a clear and conspicuous statement in
41 bold typeface that the sober living home (A) is not licensed or certified
42 to provide substance use disorder treatment services, and (B) is a type
43 of housing in which individuals recovering from a substance use
44 disorder voluntarily choose to live together in a supportive
45 environment during their recovery. Any violation of the provisions of
46 this subsection shall constitute an unfair trade practice pursuant to
47 section 42-110b of the general statutes.

48 (d) On or before August 1, 2018, the commissioner shall create a

49 printable one-page disclosure form for distribution to prospective
50 sober living home residents. Such disclosure form shall (1) be written
51 in plain language and in an easily readable format, (2) state that sober
52 living homes are not licensed or certified to provide substance use
53 disorder treatment services, (3) provide information on sober living
54 homes and resources for individuals recovering from a substance use
55 disorder, and (4) contain a signature line on which a prospective
56 resident may sign the form. Such disclosure form shall be made
57 available to the public on the department's Internet web site. The
58 commissioner shall review and update such disclosure form as
59 necessary.

60 (e) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services may
61 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
62 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section
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